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# Office Action Summary

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## Period for Reply

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## Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 November 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 and 6-39 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 8-25, 27-31 and 35-39 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 6-7, and 32-34 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

## Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### DETAILED ACTION

- ✓ 1. This Office action is in response to Applicant's amendment filed <sup>Nov.</sup>~~July~~ 03, 2006. Claims 15 and 19 have been amended. Claims 32-39 have been added.
2. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.
3. The indicated allowability of claims 1, 4, 6-7, and 26 is withdrawn in view of the newly discovered reference(s) to Mass et al. and Claude et al.. Rejections based on the newly cited reference(s) follow.

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102*

4. Claims 1-4, 6, 7, and 32-34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Mass et al. (US 20030135246 A1).

#### Claim 1:

Mass et al. (Claude) discloses an assembly for use with a medical device, comprising:

- a. a component 135 configured for operation with the medical device 125; and
- b. a radio frequency (RF) transmission device 130 coupleable to the component 135 and configured to transmit information regarding the component, wherein the component is configured to provide power to the RF transmission device (see [0049] and claim 24).

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Claim 2:

The RF transmission device is configured to transmit the information regarding the component in response to a command from the medical device.

Claim 3:

The RF transmission device transmits information about the component in response to a signal from the RF interrogator.

Claim 4:

The RF transmission device comprises a power source.

Claim 6:

Component 135 is configured for replacement in an operating environment.

Claim 7:

The RF transmission device transmits information about the component in response to a signal from the RF interrogator.

Claim 32:

The rejection of claim 32 recites the rejection of claim 1, except it is a method claim.

Claim 33:

The method disclosed in Mass et al.'s comprises communicating between the component 135 and the RF device 130.

Claim 34:

The method in Mass et al.'s comprises remotely communicating with the RF device over a network.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

5. Claim 26 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mass et al. (US 20030135246 A1) in view of Claude et al. (US Patent No. 5,562,621)

Claim 26:

Mass et al. discloses an assembly, thus, method comprising:

- a. activating an active radio frequency (RF) device 130; wherein activating comprises powering the active RF device from the component 105 of the medical device; and
- b. receiving the information regarding the component via a transmission from the RF device.

Mass fails to disclose that the information transmitted by the RF device 130 relates to at least one of maintenance, installation, and manufacture of the component of the medical device. However, this concept is old in the art as taught in Claude et al. wherein the manufacture data of a sensor within the medical component 19 is provided by the RF transmitter to the medical console device 14. In light of this teaching, one skilled in the art would have readily recognized applying this teaching in the Mass et al. system because it would provide maintenance information thus to prevent failure of the device due to its age.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

6. Claims 8-25, 27-31, and 35-39 allowed.

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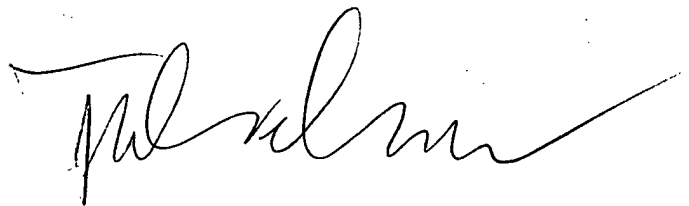
***Remarks***

7. Applicant's arguments have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Julie Lieu whose telephone number is 571-272-2978. The examiner can normally be reached on MaxiFlex.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Horabik can be reached on 571-272-3068. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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